component to the particle, wherein the amount of acidic component applied to the particle is governed by the formula $m_c / (m_c + m_p) = c \cdot 1/r$, where $m_c$ is the weight of the acidic component applied, $m_p$ is the weight of the particle, r is the radius of the particle and c is a factor of 0.5 length units to 20 length units, and wherein the acidic component comprises one or more acids selected from the group consisting of mono- or dicarboxylic acids containing 10 to 22 carbon atoms, sulfuric acid monoalk(en)yl esters containing 10 to 20 carbon atoms, alk(en)yl or alkylaryl sulfonic acids containing 10 to 20 carbon atoms, and polymeric polycarboxylic acids obtainable by polymerization of ethylenically unsaturated mono- and/or dicarboxylic acids.

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Please cancel claim 17.

## REMARKS

Claims 10-19 are pending, claim 1 having been canceled in the amendment filed July 2, 2001. Claim 1 was rejected as either anticipated or obvious over U.S. Patent No. 4,321,301 (Brichard). For the reasons below, the claims as amended are novel and unobvious over Brichard and all other art of record.

Claim 10 has been amended by incorporating the elements of claim 17, now cancelled. Claim 10 now requires the acidic component to comprise one or more of the recited acids. This claim is not anticipated or obvious over Brichard because Brichard discloses only boric acid for coating peroxygenated compounds and not applicants' organic